

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Administrative Complex Board Meeting Room

The October meeting of the Santa Rosa County Parks and Recreation Committee was held at the Administrative Complex beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. The following members were present representing the sports associations and host organizations: Steven Thames, East Milton Recreational Park; Scott Martin, Futbol Club of Santa Rosa, Inc.; and Tim Wheat, Pace Area Tennis Association.

Absent were representatives from Pace Athletic and Recreational Park/Santa Rosa Sportsplex, Fidelis Community Center and Park, Benny Russell Park, Swenson Park, Tiger Point Recreational Park, Navarre Sports Complex/Navarre Soccer Complex/Holley Ball Field and Chumuckla Community Center and Park.

Present also were the County Administrator, Hunter Walker, Special Projects/Grants Coordinator, Sheila Harris, Administrative Services Manager, Tammy Simmons and citizen, Ken Garner. A copy of the sign-in sheet is attached for reference.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from the September 24, 2014 meeting were approved without objection as written.

Sheila Harris presented the attendees with a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2015/2016 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application for improvements at the Navarre Park and Benny Russell Park. A copy of the presentation is included for reference.

2015/2016 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application

FRDAP Information

- State competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments to develop and/or acquire land for public outdoor recreational purposes.
 - o Projects must be for the sole purpose of providing recreational opportunities to the public
- Maximum grant request is \$200,000
- Applications must involve only one project site except for acquisition or development of sandy beach access
- Matching requirements
 - o \$50,000 or less 100% funded
 - o \$50,001-150,000, 75% funded, 25% match
 - o \$150,000 – 200,000, 50% match
- More than half of project request must represent "primary recreation facilities" defined as any facility which could stand alone and provide outdoor recreation without a support facility. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - o Beach access
 - o Trailhead and trailside facilities
 - o Fishing piers, boardwalks
 - o Boat ramps and docks
 - o Canoe, hiking, nature and bike trails
 - o Observation towers
 - o Ball fields
 - o Tennis and basketball courts
 - o Playgrounds
 - o Skate facilities
- Support facilities mean a facility which could not stand alone, or which would have little or no public outdoor recreational value without the primary facility. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - o Parking lots
 - o Restrooms
 - o Bathhouses
 - o Combined restroom-concession stand buildings
 - o Access roads
 - o Walkways
 - o Landscaping
 - o Security lighting
 - o Fencing
 - o Interpretive signage

Navarre Park

Located at 8513 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre, Florida

Navarre Park – Existing Facilities

- 2 covered pavilions
- 4 covered gazebo/picnic area
- Playground/play areas
- Splash Pad

- Basketball Court
- Nature Walk
- Boardwalk
- Bathroom (under construction)
- Fishing pier
- Pond
- Tourist Information Center
- Parking Lot
- Benches
- Butterfly House

Site Pictures
(In file)

Navarre Park Proposed Improvements

- Installation of Kayak Launch/pathway
- Installation of special needs equipment to playground
- Installation of additional picnic tables and shade structures
- Basketball court improvements
- Landscaping/Hedge row between parking lot & Hwy 98

Navarre Park – Project Costs

• Installation of Kayak Launch	\$ 18,000
• Playground Renovations	\$ 15,000
• Picnic tables/shaded area	\$ 10,000
• Basketball Court Renovations	\$ 5,000
• Landscaping	\$ 2,000
TOTAL PROJECT EST	\$ 50,000
(Tentative figures as of 10/23/2014)	

Proposed Items

- Proposed Kayak Launch options (Picture in file)
- Picnic/Shade area near playground (Picture in file)

Project Funding

TOTAL PROJECT EST	\$ 50,000
• FRDAP Funds Requested	\$ 50,000
• Local Match (no match requirement)	\$ 0
• Park partnership commitment of 10% has been approved from Navarre Chamber of Commerce Foundation.	

Public Input

- Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 22 – 5:30 pm
- Pre-advertised public meeting
 - Thursday, October 23 – 9:30 am
- Community Meeting held in conjunction with 2014/2015 cycle
 - September 10, 2013

Benny Russell Park

Located at 5417 W Spencerfield Road, Pace, FL 32571

Benny Russell Park – Existing Facilities

- Wooden Playground area
- 7 Pavilions (one large, six small)
- 12 picnic tables
- Medieval-themed castle restroom (concession facility/conference center closed)
- Adequate parking
- Benches

Site Pictures
(In file)

Benny Russell Park Proposed Improvements

- Installation of all-inclusive playground
- Covered Picnic areas
- Basketball/shuffleboard/handball court
- Hiking Trail for exercise and park linkages
- Tennis Courts (partial development)

- Restrooms to support Tennis Facility
- Support Facilities (parking/lighting)

Benny Russell Park – Project Costs

• Playground	\$140,000
• Covered Picnic areas	\$ 4,200
• 3 sport court	\$ 5,000
• Hiking Trail	\$ 5,000
• Tennis Courts	\$ 75,000
• Restroom	\$119,000
• Support Facilities (parking/lighting)	\$ 51,800
TOTAL PROJECT EST (Tentative figures as of 10/23/2014)	\$400,000

Project Funding

TOTAL PROJECT EST	\$400,000
• FRDAP Funds Requested	\$200,000
• Local Match (Dist. 1 Rec)	\$200,000
• 100% Match is Required for projects exceeding \$150,000	
• Park partnership commitment of 10% is being requested from PATA to support additional tennis court development.	

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Grant Information

- FRDAP program has received little if any funding during the last few cycles
 - o In the last two cycles, only \$50,000 small development projects were funded.
- Projects will be scored and ranked in December 2014
- The Legislature will consider priority list and recommend funding levels in April 2015
- Grant awards (if funded) will be made on or after July 2015

Public Input Session

Tim Wheat, PATA, questioned the amount being requested from PATA for the Benny Russell Park Tennis development. Ms. Harris described some of the scoring considerations including the relative needs index, public participation and partnerships with other entities.

Discussion took place concerning the next two proposed meetings, November 26, 2014 and December 24, 2014, both meetings fall the day before a holiday; therefore, the next scheduled meeting will take place on January 27, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.